

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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## BOGUS HOME RULE LEGISLATION

Democratic Caucus Proposes Bills Governor Cannot Approve—Other Partisan Measures

JEFFERSON CITY February 6.—Another week of legislative work has passed and has added to the record of the democratic majority several things that honest democrats of the state cannot be proud of, to say the least.

In a caucus of democratic members and senators last week it was determined to introduce and pass alleged home rule bills that Governor Hadley cannot consistently approve. This is to be done simply as a partisan expedient, not as a matter of wise and safe legislation. Home rule bills are already pending which meet the views of the governor and are in line with the home rule policy to which he stands committed, but the democrats cannot make political capital out of them. They now pretend to favor bills they have never heretofore favored because they must regain control of the cities or submit to continued defeat in state elections. While they know that Governor Hadley cannot afford to approve what they propose, they hope to injure him politically and the party that elected him by enacting measures it will be necessary for him to veto.

The state cannot afford to bestow upon the cities absolute control of election, police and excise authority for reasons at once apparent to intelligent citizens; but a large element in each of the three big cities is clamoring for that kind of home rule. To secure the enforcement of state laws, the purity of the ballot and control of the liquor traffic it is necessary that the chief executive of the state shall have authority to remove election, police and excise officials in the large cities in case any of them fail or refuse to enforce the laws of the state. Governor Hadley would give to the people of the cities the right to select their election, police and excise officials, all of whom are now selected by the governor, under laws enacted and long sustained by democratic legislatures and governors, but he would have the state reserve the right to restrain or remove such officials for wilful neglect of state laws or refusal to enforce them. No other policy is safe, nor is any other policy desired by the people of the cities.

The democrats, after oppressing the cities for many years with

election, police and excise machinery subjected to partisan political purposes, come forward with measures turning over to the mayor the appointment of such officials and removing them entirely from such restraint as the interests of the state at large demand. If the governor were a democrat, or if there was confidence on the part of democrats that they can elect the next governor, no such proposition would be tolerated by the democratic majority in the legislature. It is tolerated merely as a present party expedient, as a sop to be thrown to that element in the cities which always opposes state laws and has but little concern about honest elections. If that element can be made to believe that a republican governor is alone responsible for withholding what they demand the democratic leaders will have accomplished their only purpose in enacting such home rule laws as they now propose. Their home rule policy is for political effect only. It is one of many devices for embarrassing a republican governor. It is in no sense a proposition to deal justly with the cities or to put on the statute books fair and practical home rule laws.

But this so-called home rule scheme is not the only one on which the democratic majority in the legislature is wasting time and the money of the people. A legislative committee is at work in St. Louis trying to prove that Governor Hadley has not succeeded in compelling honest elections there, and also assisting democratic contestants for seats on the supreme bench to find technical errors and practices on which to sustain their petitions in the supreme court. That committee was appointed and is at work for partisan political purposes only. No other motive or purpose whatever is back of this committee. Only two republicans were appointed on the committee, and they were given no authority to employ assistance in watching the count of ballots or for any other purposes. The four democratic members are doing all they please to obtain political "dope" and if they desire to put into the record matters manifestly unfair and partisan they cannot be restrained. It is a partisan committee, doing democratic work, boarding at a fine hotel and living high at the expense of the taxpayers.

Several other alleged "investigations" are going on for no other purpose whatever than to create doubt in the public mind.

As the springtime approaches the peddler and the cheap auction man will be around in all his glory. He will tell you the smooth story about bankrupt stock that must be sold. But be not deceived. Remember that your home dealer is here to make every promise good, and that he can always give you a better stock to select from. It is characteristic of the American people to try to get something for nothing, but the time when they can do this has not come as yet. Nor is it liable to come this summer. Our merchants do not promise to give you something for nothing, but can give you as much for your money as anywhere else, and are showing an immense lot of reliable goods.

The tax-payers cannot be made to pay the cost of the contests filed by defeated democratic candidates for supreme judge, but they will have to pay the expenses of the legislative committee that is aiding these contests at St. Louis.

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## Monthly School Report

The following is the report of the Laclede public schools, fifth month: Enrollment, male, 87; female, 99; total, 186. No. days attended by all pupils, 3432; average, 17.1. No. pupils attending every day, 106. No. pupils absent 5 or more days, 22. No. tardies, 26; truancy, 0; corporal punishment, 0. E. L. HORTON, Feb. 3, 1911. Superintendent.

The Wright brothers' castles in the air have all come true.

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

(In Vacation.) State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss. In the Circuit Court, June Term, 1911.

O. F. Libby, Plaintiff vs. J. W. Peacher and Martin Kneeland, Defendants.

At this 10th day of December, 1910, comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, C. C. Bigger, before the undersigned Clerk in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that Defendant J. W. Peacher, alias Mack Peacher, is not a resident of the State of Missouri and cannot be served by the usual and ordinary process of law in this state. Whereupon, it is ordered by the undersigned Clerk in vacation that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment and decree of this Court in the sum of \$10.00, founded on a judgment heretofore rendered on the 12th day of September, 1905, before W. J. Carlon, a Justice of the Peace of Brookfield Township, Linn Co., Mo., and with cost of suit, and that unless the said defendants be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Linn, in said County, on the 5th day of June next, and on or before the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper published in said County of Linn, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least thirty days before the first day of said next June term of this Court.

JNO. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk. A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD. Witness my hand, and the seal of the Circuit Court of Linn County, this 10th day of December, 1910.

JNO. N. WILSON, Circuit Clerk. (SEAL) C. S. BOTTLING, D. C.

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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of William K. Griffith, deceased, that I, Salathiel Allison, Administrator of said estate intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Linn County to be held at Linn, Linn County, Mo., on the 11th day of February, 1911. SALATHIEL ALLISON, Administrator

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